417th Base Support Battalion

SAFETY BULLETIN

Weed Eater/Grass Trimmer Safety

- * Always wear a safety face shield or safety glasses. Wear heavy, long pants, boots and gloves. Do not wear loose clothing, jewelry, short pants, sandals or go barefoot. Secure hair so it is above shoulder length. Being fully covered will help protect you from pieces of toxic plants such as poison ivy thrown by the trimmer head, which could be more of a hazard than touching the plant itself.
- * Do not operate the tool when you are tired, ill or under the influence of alcohol, drugs or medication.
- * Wear hearing protection.
- * Never start or run the engine inside a closed room or building. Breathing exhaust fumes can kill.
- * Inspect the entire tool before each use for damaged parts, fuel leaks and all fasteners are in place and secure.
- * Make sure the trimmer head is properly installed and securely fastened.
- * Always keep engine on the right hand side of your body.
- * Hold the tool firmly with both hands.
- * Keep firm footing and balance. Do not over-reach.
- * Keep trimmer head below waist level.
- * Do not raise the engine above your waist. The trimmer head can come dangerously close to your body.
- * Keep all parts of your body away from the trimmer head and muffler when engine is running.
- * Hand carry the tool with the engine stopped and the muffler away from your body.
- * Never use blades with a trimmer designed for the trimmer use only.